

# Rocky Ridge Hawk Watch

## 2020 Volunteer Information

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**Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> – Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

Volunteers may sign up for any date within this range. Please contact Brandon Pentz at [bmpentz@yorkcountypa.gov](mailto:bmpentz@yorkcountypa.gov) or call 717-428-1961. Training/shadowing provided as needed.

### Volunteer Qualifications

#### FIELD SKILLS

- Identify and count the 14 species of raptors, 2 species of vultures, and other common birds that pass by the count site.

- Understand the count protocol and the differences between migrant and local birds.

#### DATA COLLECTION

- Record relative wind direction and speed at the top of each count hour.

- Record environmental conditions including temperature and humidity by the hour or after the count.

- Learn to post data to HMANA after each count.

#### VISITOR SERVICE

- Maintain positive interactions with park users and fellow volunteers.

- Inform guests about hawk watching and counting.

- Write a brief description of the count day and a prediction for migration the next day based on the weather forecast. Include any interesting sightings that were recorded.

#### COVID SAFETY

- Please do not attend if you are not feeling well.

- The observation platform will be closed during counting hours. Visitors can still observe and interaction is encouraged from a safe distance. Maintain social distancing and bring a mask to use as-needed.

